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THE STRENGTH OF THE
JAPANESE ARMY.

Some Interesting Figures.

The *Hochi Shimbun* gives some interesting particulars about the strength of the Japanese Army. The figures, the *Japan Mail* writes in the course of a summary, may or may not be accurate, but we presume that they are a tolerably close approximation. Everybody is acquainted with the general fact that the Japanese Army now consists of 19 Divisions, but little information has hitherto been procurable about troops supernumerary to the above. Our Tokyo contemporary now tells us that these additional troops comprise three brigades of field artillery, four brigades of cavalry, two brigades and nine battalions of heavy artillery, one brigade of communications troops and three battalions of mountain artillery. With regard to the cavalry, two brigades have still to be embodied, the barracks for their reception not being yet finished. This, however, is a matter of a few days. It is further stated that the establishment of the cavalry is five battalions to one regiment and two regiments to one brigade. Turning now to the question of the number of troops actually under arms, in other words the number of men serving with the colours, the *Hochi* gives the following figures, but does not claim absolute accuracy for them since they are in every case somewhat below the reality.

Infantry	129,980
Cavalry	14,900
Artillery	11,270
Engineers	10,400
Communications	9,240
Heavy Artillery	5,600
Mountain Artillery	1,820
Communications troops	2,900
Total	184,590

With regard to this total we may observe as *passages* that as the number of men eligible for conscription every year is 450,000, it would seem that about 40 per cent. of the whole are taken for service. Turning now to the interesting question of the strength of the Japanese Army on a war footing, the *Hochi* puts it at 1,214,000, exclusive of 10,000 troops serving in Formosa; 15,000 officers and non-commissioned officers serving with the colours, and a very large number of officers and non-commissioned officers whose names are borne on the reserves. We may here recall the facts that when Japan entered the *Hisu* against China in 1894 the number of men serving with the colours was 60,000. This was increased to between eighty and ninety thousand in the first post bellum reorganization, and now the number is about doubled in the sequel of the recent war.

THE N.Y.K.'S DILEMMA.

The *Japan Mail* translates from the *Chugoku Shogyo* a statement to the effect that the Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have not yet decided the difficult question whether the Company will come under the new system of subsidies or adhere to the old. The points to be considered in choosing between these alternatives were very clearly set forth in the President's report, at the half yearly meeting. If the Company elect to remain under the old system, it will continue in receipt of subsidies up to the year 1914, and will receive altogether 2 million yen more than the sum that would accrue to it during the same interval under the new system. On the other hand, it would cease altogether to be eligible for subsidies after 1914 inasmuch as the law requires that a final choice shall be made between the two systems before the end of the current fiscal year, and does not sanction the act of passing from the old to the new at a later date. Unless therefore the Company can be sure of being in a position to dispense with all subsidies four or five years hence, it must decide to come into the new system before next March. The *N.Y.K.* appears to think that the latter course will ultimately be adopted.

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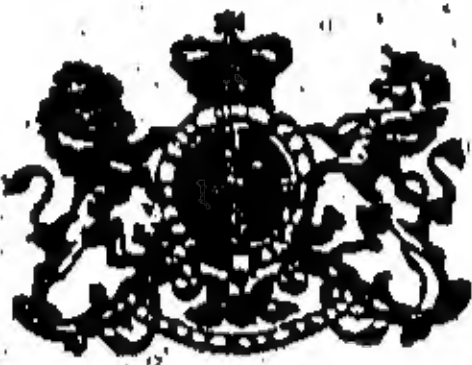
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5 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Offices.
Miscellaneous.
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General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, July 21.—
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THURSDAY, July 22.—

2.46 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1909.

THE CHINESE THEATRE.

It is perhaps a sign of the increasing
interest taken in Things Chinese that
an article on the Chinese Theatre, as
seen in San Francisco and New York,
appears in a recent number of Every-
body's Magazine. It is from the pen of
of Mr. W. H. Lewis and treats of the
subject from its historical aspects
principally. This writer sees in the
Chinese theatre of to-day many paral-
lels to the state of things which
existed in England in SHAKESPEARE'S
days, when the Servants of the Lord
Chamberlain and the Children of the
King's Chapel played on Bankside. As
residents of Hongkong and the coast
ports know, the Chinese present their
plays on a platform almost devoid of
accessories in the way of scenery, and
Mr. Lewis contends that probably so did
the Lord Chamberlain's servants at the
Globe Theatre, when they "created"
SHAKESPEARE'S parts. He then continues,
"In the old Chinese theatres of San
Francisco, tourists and Chinese digni-
taries used to sit on the side edges of the
stage, so close to the actors that I have
seen a tragedian, in one of his most
solemn passages, step over the legs of a
spectator. Just so, we are informed,
at the dignities and nobilities who

attended the Globe in SHAKESPEARE'S
time. No womanist in the house of
China, the female characters are taken
by young men, trained from childhood
to impersonate women. We know that
the parts of Ophelia, Portia, Rosalind—
all SHAKESPEARE'S galaxy of immortal
women—were 'created' by boys. The
fifty actors of the Doyers Street Theatre
in New York run their own enterprise,
all sharing in the profits. So, the
documents prove, did my Lord
Chamberlain's servants. The Chinese
actors are so low, that even the lowest of
the spectators despises them. In the
days of SHAKESPEARE, the English actor
was a brother to thieves and tinkers, a
being unworthy of Christian burial.
The actors of the Globe Company lived
together in the basement of the theatre;
just so live the actors of the Doyers
Street Company in New York, and so
lived the Jackson and Washington
Street companies in the old days of
Chinatown, San Francisco. The re-
semblance covers even the matter of
setting and properties. The Elizabethan
actors, we are told, furnished a bare
stage with simple, curtained entrances
to right and left. For scenery, they
depended upon the auditor's imagination
and the poet's lines; and to this we owe
some of the greatest poetry in
SHAKESPEARE. Further, the stage man-
ager of the Globe or the Blackfriars
suggested the scenes by the properties,
setting a bed on the stage to designate
a chamber, a throne, to mark a palace.
Not otherwise is it with the Doyers
Street Company in New York. Many
of the falsest solos which so amuse and
vex the tourist are descriptions of the
stage setting which is further suggested
by the properties—an altar for a temple,
a crude arch of bamboo with a sign at
its apex for a city, even a pile of chairs
and tables for a mountain."

The Chinese theatre, however, is
older than its Elizabethan prototype.
Though it only came into existence
with the rise of the Mohammedan
religion, it is really nothing more or
less than the old Greek drama trans-
planted and adapted to the racial
idiosyncrasies of the Sons of Han.
The whole idea, says Sir JOHN DAVIS, is
Greek: the mask, the chorus, the
music, the colloquy, the scene and
the act. The Chinese merely took the
idea as it filtered through to them from
India and worked up plays from their
own history and their own social life.
"The Chinese drama is based on music
just as the Greek play was, and the
whole conception of the play is foreign,
while the details and the language are
Chinese." There are three distinct
epochs in Chinese dramatic history,
the Tang (700-905 A.D.), the Sung
(905-1123 A.D.), and the Yuan
(1123-1361 A.D.), since when the
drama has slowly crystallized, like so
many other things in China.

Mr. Lewis is certainly able to draw
a closer analogy between the Chinese
actor of to-day and the strolling players
of SHAKESPEARE'S day when he speaks
of their social status. "The Brothers
of the Pear Orchard," as the Theatricals
of China are popularly called, are
outcasts from the social order. Which
reminds us that only the other day in
England an actor who was summoned
to serve on a jury made the successful
plea that under the law he was "a
rogue and a vagabond" and therefore
ineligible. In support of his conten-
tion he produced an old act of Parlia-
ment which has never been repealed,
and the astonished judge had to admit
his claim. And how is it in China? "To
the third generation, the descendant of
a Chinese actor is disqualified, under
the old regime, from taking those
literary examinations which lead to all
political preferment." By a world's
width the superior, in intelligence,
breeding, and perceptions, of the Chinese
coolie or laundryman, they form a caste
so low that we have nothing wherewith
to compare it. Yet many of them, we
are assured, are admirable men. The
training to which the actor submits
himself is long and arduous. In the
beginning he must have a fair literary
education, for the plays are couched in
the literary language of China. Then he

must learn by heart every part in a great
number of plays. As every Chinese
play is in part operatic, he must also
learn music, cultivate a falsetto voice
for singing, without destroying his
natural speaking voice, and become an
adept at tumbling and acrobatics.
These Chinese actors, symbolists by
nature, have introduced into their effects
a great body of conventional gestures
which take the place of setting and
properties. They have symbols to show
that the actor is on horseback, that he
is under an enchantment, that he
is dead and out of the action, that he
is invisible, that he is a man of high
station in disguise. Further, they have
some strange conventionalities in the
way of stage properties. In Chinese
drama, as in all other Oriental art, one
never knows where realism will end
and conventions begin. So, when any
property is really a part of the action,
it is more than likely that the stage
manager will introduce, not the thing
itself, but a pretty and conventional
representation of it. I have seen two
Chinese actors enter in a representation
of a boat. Their feet, concealed by
the hull, propelled it; the swaying of
their bodies gave it the necessary wavy
motion; the pose of their bodies,
appearing above the gunwale, suggested
that they were sitting at ease in the
craft. But did it not look like a
boat? No, indeed, it was a great
deal prettier. It was an affair of pink
tissue-paper, fringed and trimmed with
silk pompons; and in every chink of
the decorations burned pink Christmas
candles. These properties, like the
costumes, are always a delight to the
eye; they exemplify that art which the
Chinese put into the common objects
and implements of his daily life."

The Chinese actor and his patrons
are steeped to the lips in the traditions
of a hidebound conservatism, hence we
expect it will be many long years before
a movement similar to that which is
now going on in Japanese theatrical
circles—the introduction of adapted
modern European plays and European
theatrical methods—will be inaugurated
in China. To drop into a Hongkong
theatre to-day is practically to transport
oneself back to medieval days, for the
play being represented on the boards
may tell a tale as old as the Saxon
Heptarchy (Tang), the limit on one side, or
as recent as the Plantagenet Kings of
England (Yuen), the limit on the other;
for "old custom" would not tolerate any-
thing more modern. And to judge by
the patronage accorded, the audiences
are quite satisfied that it should be so,
hence our conclusion, that the Chinese
drama will be the last stronghold of
conservatism to be influenced by the
"time-spirit," now casting so many old
things into the crucible of change.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr.
Manuel Domingo Dertano to act as Consul
General for Peru at Hongkong has received
His Majesty's signature.

Moungha Ghine and his wife and
daughter attended their Majesty's Court
on June 24. This is the first occasion on
which Burmese ladies have been presented.

The Hope diamond, formerly a famous
French Crown jewel, has been sold by
auction in Paris for £10,000. May Yoke
used to sport this jewel in the days when
she was Lady Francis Hope. The diamond
is reputed to bring ill-luck to its owner.

Mrs. Pankhurst and another suffragette,
who were concerned in the demonstrations
outside Parliament recently, have been
fined £5 with the alternative of one month's
imprisonment. The magistrate, however,
advised that there should be an appeal on
a legal point raised in the course of the
case. The suffragettes claim that they are
entitled to petition the King through the
Prime Minister, and to present their peti-
tion to the latter personally, and that the
police are not entitled to obstruct them
while they are doing so.

OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.
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cine that pay them a greater profit. For
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A case of anthrax has occurred at the
Kennedy Town Cattle Depot.

The 1908 case of plague was reported
to-day. It was that of a Chinese living at
Mong-kok-lau.

The examination for external students
for the degree of B.A. of the University of
London, can now be taken in the Colony.

A reception takes place on the Japan-
ese flag ship Otsu this afternoon, when
Rear-Admiral Tsuragaki will be at home to
his guests.

It is notified in the Gazette that His
Majesty the King has ruled that the
flag should be flown at half-mast on the day
of the death of any foreign sovereign and also
on the day of the funeral.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board
on Tuesday a letter from the Government
relative to the report on malaria, in
Shaokwan and its environs will be read;
and also the Additional Cemetery By-laws.

The assets and liabilities of Holi-
day, Wise and Co., in the Philippines have
been taken over by Messrs. Wise and Co.,
Ltd. Mr. R. E. Humphreys and Mr. L.
Dyson have been authorized to sign for the
firm.

We suppose our contemporary the
Strait Times was in sarcastic mood when
it wrote—Efforts to make Flame of the
Forest trees flourish between the chinks of
the granite slabs which surround the foun-
tain in front of the Singapore Club, having
failed, an attempt is being made to raise
palms there.

Regarding the race between the Ger-
man Mail Luzon and the Blue Funnel
Thebes, both of which left here for Home
on 18th June, the Luzon was noted in our
shipping column as having arrived at
Genoa on Thursday last, 15th inst. The
Thebes, we have been informed, is due in
London on Friday next, the 23rd.

At Marne on June 5th, Mr. Latham,
an English aviator, flew for one hour and
seven minutes on his Antoinette monoplane,
thus beating the French aeroplane record.
He executed the evolutions with great ease
in spite of the rain at a height of from 50
to 60 feet. When he descended the specta-
tlers shouldered him in triumph.

The N.Y.K. steamer Iyo Maru recent-
ly transmitted to the P. and O. steamer
Mantua, when in the Indian Ocean, a
wireless message to be delivered to Messrs.
Carson and Co. in Colombo. This is the
first commercial wireless message reported
in Ceylon and it is singular that it should
have passed between the premier shipping
company of England and the premier
shipping company of Japan.

A native was sentenced to six weeks'
hard labour and four hours' stocks, by Mr.
J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, for
stealing brass and copper from the Tram-
way Co. Defendant was also sentenced to
fourteen days' hard labour for having his
master's silver cigarette case in his posses-
sion. For stealing brass from the docks
another native was sentenced to seven
days' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

The slow pace of justice in Java may
be judged from the fact that a case of
insurrection which happened in the pro-
vince of Kediri, two and a half years ago,
is still awaiting trial. Of the 53 persons
under arrest, nineteen have died in custody.
Several of the witnesses have also gone
to the next world. The *Nieuwe van den
Dag* says that attention to this failure of
justice will be called in the Dutch Parlia-
ment shortly.

We learn from Manila papers that
proposals were opened at Manila on the
13th in the office of the Chief Quarter-
master, for repairs and alterations to the
transport, Warren. The bids were as
follows:—Shanghai Dock and Engineering
Company \$99,240, gold, to be completed
12 weeks after delivery of the vessel at
Shanghai; New Engineering and Ship-
building Works Ltd., Shanghai, \$109,481,
gold, to be completed in 84 months; Castle
Bro., Wolf and Sons, representing Taikoo
Dock Board and Engineering Company,
Hongkong, \$90,184, gold, to be completed
in 8 months; Hongkong and Whampoa
Dock Company \$88,366, gold, to be com-
pleted in 9 weeks; Tangong Pagar Dock
Board, Singapore \$102,500, to be com-
pleted in six months' time.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST.
PETER'S.

An organ recital is to be given by Mr.
George Grimbale at St. Peter's Church
to-morrow evening, the programme being
as follows:—
Organ Solo—"Prelude and Fugue No. 1"
Mendelssohn
Tenor Solo—"Comfort Ye" (Messiah)
Handel
Rev. A. P. Crofton, M.A.
Organ Solo—"Grand Offertoire in D"
Bach
Soprano Solo—"And He shall feed His
flock" (Messiah) Handel
Organ Solo—"Andante Tranquillo"
Sternale Benetti
The Rev. A. Dallas Ennis, C.F., will
be the preacher at the evening service,
which commences at 8.30 p.m.

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this kind. For sale by all chemists and
druggists.

THE SUBMARINE
DISASTER.

SYMPATHY OF THE KING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 16.

The captain of the steamer Eddystone,
which sank Submarine C 11 off Lowestoft,
has been interviewed. He said that
a dense fog prevailed at the time and he
was unaware of the presence of warships
until he was blinded by their search-
lights.

H. M. the King and the Prince of
Wales have sent messages of sympathy.

BISLEY SHOOTING.

MACKINNON CUP GOES TO
CANADA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 16.

Canada has won the Mackinnon Cup
at Bisley with a score of 1,616.

The Transvaal came second with a
score of 1,514.

A FUGITIVE SHAH.

SEEKS SHELTER IN RUSSIAN
LEGATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 16.

It is reported from Teheran that the
Shah has taken refuge in the Russian
Legation.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

NEW MINISTER APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 17.

President Taft has decided to appoint
Mr. Charles Crane, a member of a firm
of Chicago manufacturers, as American
Minister to China.

EARTHQUAKE IN
GREECE.MANY LIVES LOST; MUCH
DAMAGE DONE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 17.

An earthquake is reported from the
province of Elis, on the west coast of
Greece (opposite Zante). There are
many casualties.

LARGE.

Great devastation was caused by the
earthquake on the west coast of Greece.
Thirty people have been reported killed
while 400 houses were destroyed at the
village of Havari. A dozen other
villages suffered severely.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S
BIRTHDAY.RETURNS THANKS TO
HONGKONG.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, July 17.

Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain begs the
assistance of the press in gratefully
acknowledging the world-wide birthday
telegrams which were received on her
husband's birthday.

Mr. Chamberlain also desires to ex-
press his sincere thanks for the good
wishes expressed, and in this expression
of thanks he includes Hongkong.

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NEW AMERICAN
MINISTER TO CHINA.A CHICAGO MERCHANT
APPOINTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, July 17.

It is officially reported in Washington
that Mr. Charles Crane, a Chicago
manufacturer, has been appointed
American Minister to China.

FEDERATED MALAYA.

TAKING OVER NEW STATES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, July 17.

The taking over by the British
government of the suzerainty of the
State of Kedah hitherto under the
protection of Siam, was a ceremony of
the most brilliant and cordial descrip-
tion. The Sultan received Mr. Mur-
well, as the British adviser, and
welcomed the Siamese dispatch which
thanked the Sultan for his past loyalty.

The Governor of the Straits Settle-
ments, Sir John Anderson, and General
Perrott are sailing to-day to take over
the suzerainty of Triggant and
Kelantan. The transfers have been
made amidst the happiest auguries.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 15.

Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the Prince
Regent, is appointed a Minister to assist
in reorganizing the Chinese Navy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF
CHINA.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 16.

The Board of Posts and Communi-
cations has appointed Luk Chung Yu
chief auditor of the Imperial Bank.

RAILWAY PECULATIONS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 16.

H.E. Chang Chih-tung has asked H.E.
Na Tung, now acting Viceroy of Chihli,
to seize and declare forfeit all the prop-
erty belonging to Li Tak-shao, the
degraded chief director of the Tientsin-
Fukien railway.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 16.

It is said that Prince Su will shortly
be succeeded by Prince Chun as Prince
Yu Long, as President of the Board of
the Interior.

INDIAN SETTLERS FOR
UGANDA.

Decrease of Sleeping Sickness.

Sir Henry Heath Bell, the Governor
of Uganda, is now in England, with the
object of discussing with the Colonial
Secretary some important projects for
the development of that Protectorate. One of
these is connected with the question of
the employment of Indians of the ryot class,
on which subject an important committee
appointed by the Government is sitting in
London. The Governor holds that Uganda
is eminently suited for Indian agricultural
colonization and for the introduction of
Indian colonists on a large scale.
Important work has lately been done by
the Administration in connection with
sleeping sickness. A stretch of country
along the Victoria Nyanza Lake shore two
miles wide and 500 miles in length has been
entirely cleared of population. The Soudan
Islands remain to be cleared of 20,000
people, and it is expected that this will be
done within the next four months, as the
native chiefs are now convinced of the
advantages which will result. The measures
taken by the Government to cope with the
scurge have succeeded to a remarkable
degree, and the mortality, which for
years ago ranged from 20,000 to 30,000 a
year, fell during 1908 to fewer than 2000.

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CLAIM FOR RENT

Mr. Justice Gompertz, in Chambers, this morning, gave judgment for plaintiff for \$700 in the case in which Mr. F. W. Goldring sued Mr. P. Jordan to recover \$1,000 for rent. Mr. Goldring reduced his claim to \$700 and Mr. Davidson had no further instructions to appear for the defendant.

INDIANS AT LAW.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, in Chambers, at the Supreme Court this morning gave judgment in the case in which Jackaria Alimohamed sued Omar, Cassim, Moosa, to recover \$750 salary and travelling expenses under an agreement of service, whereby plaintiff was engaged by defendant for a term of three years from September 17, 1906, at a certain salary which had not been paid and from which service plaintiff was dismissed on April 5, 1909. A counter claim was also put in for \$540.

Mr. Reader Harris appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. d'Almeida a Castro defended.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$61.25 which had been paid into Court and \$30 for defendant Moosa on the counter claim.

OLDEST LAWS IN THE WORLD.

Mr. W. St. Chad Bosworth, writes in the *Chronicle*: "The discovery, in 1901-2, by M. de Morgan, at Susa, of the code of laws promulgated by Khammurabi, King of Babylon was one of the greatest triumphs of the age, and probably excited as much interest and produced as large a crop of controversial literature as the Moabite stone or the Deluge tablet. A study of the Code clearly shows that the Code was in no sense a compilation of the great Babylonian, but rather an elaboration of a series of laws which had been compiled long prior to the age of Khammurabi."

That this was the case is proved by an interesting inscription, dating about six centuries prior to the age of the Code. Among the treasures of the Louvre are a pair of large terra cotta cylinders inscribed in very archaic writing with the account of the building of a temple in the ancient city of Lagash, or Sippur, by a king named Gudea, who reigned about B.C. 2500. In this inscription the monarch makes mention of a Code of Laws which were in use at the time. The passage is very interesting. It reads:—Having finished his work, Gudea rested, and for seven days he feasted with the people. During this time the maid was the equal of her mistress and master and servant consorted together as friends. The powerful and the humble man lay side by side, and instead of evil speech only propitious words were uttered. The rich man did not wrong the orphan, and the strong man did not oppress the widow. The Laws of Nin and Ningirur were observed in the land, and justice was as bright in the land as the sunlight, and the Sumpgunged iniquity under foot."

It is evident that Khammurabi knew of these laws, and indeed he appears to quote from them. In the apocryphal of the Code he says: "(I am) the God fearing Khammurabi, who establishes justice on the earth, to destroy the two evil spirits, to restrain the strong from oppressing the weak, to shine like the Sun upon the black-headed people (the Babylonians), and to illuminate the land." Again in the prologue we have another passage, an almost verbatim quotation:—"By protecting justice, the Anunnaki are guided in peace by my wisdom as they over-shadowed. That the strong may not oppress the weak; that the orphan and widow may be counselled."

The king is represented on the stile as receiving the laws from the Sun and regarding this he says:—"By command of the Sun-god the great Judge of Heaven and Earth, my Justice shall shine forth in the land."

These quotations place beyond all doubt the fact that the older Code was known to and used by Khammurabi, who is now clearly proved to be the Amraphel of Genesis xiv.

The older Code is still more interesting, for it brings these Babylonian laws into most astonishing contact with the Mosaic legislation. Earlier in the prologue we get a description of this divine lawyer Ningirur, who appears to this day in a dream. The king says:—"In the midst of my dream I saw a man whose stature reached to heaven, and spread over the earth, and by the crown on his head I knew he was a god. By the side of him was a storm bird, and under his feet was a raging storm."

In another passage this theophany is elaborated. The god says he will send the needed rain to the land. The king says:—"I will set my foot on the mountain where dwells the raging storm. From the mountain of the raging storm—the holy mountain—I will send a wind which will give the breath of life to the land." At a glance we perceive that this is the theophany of the Jehovah of Sinai, who shrouded himself in thunders and lightning, and rode upon the wings of the storm wind. The resemblance is too close to be accidental.

The connection can, however, be carried a step further. The god Ningirur, who dwelt in the Holy Mountain of Storms, was the god who held possession of the two tablets on which were written "the laws and destinies of all men." The possession of these gave him absolute dominion over the affairs of heaven and earth.

There is a tablet in the British Museum which describes how Merodach went up to the Holy Mountain, the dwelling of the Storm-god, and brought down these two tablets to be the divine laws of the land. These resemblances between the giving of the laws to Moses on Sinai and the Babylonian legend of the giving of the laws from the Holy Mountain of the Storm-god are too close to striking to admit of being casual coincidences; and the material is nearly fifteen centuries prior to the Mosaic account.

The controversy which has raged over the question of the Mosaic laws and Babylonian code now enters a new phase, and should at least convince some that it is to Babylonians that we must look for the source of the legislation of the Pentateuch, as we had also for the Creation and Deluge legends.

RAMBLING NOTES.

Typhoons have been the principal topic of conversation this week. Fortunately for the Colony the latest disturbance of the season did not reach us. Haiphong experienced the embrace of "the whirling devil," and I expect did not like them a little bit. The business of the harbour was, however, seriously interfered with, especially on Wednesday. I wonder what the hard cash loss of "typhoon weather" means to the Colony? It must be something very considerable.

I was glad to see that a Chinese visitor had the good sense to take an extortionate ricksha coolie into Court the other day. A few salutary lessons like that imposed by the Magistrate would teach these gentry that it is best to adhere to the statutory tariff more often than they do. It is a positive scandal the way chair-coolies and ricksha men badger passengers into paying more than the legal fare. Many ladies are really afraid to take a chair these days, especially on the higher levels, for fear of the unpleasant things which occur when the time arrives to pay the fare.

With the approaching completion of the new G.P.O. one may soon hope to see the removal of the Clock Tower in Queen's Road Central, which everyone is agreed, notwithstanding old associations, is necessary in the interests of traffic. Yet until the tower is removed it would greatly aid to the convenience of the public generally if the Clock was illuminated every night. No one needs reminding of the rather strong winds we have experienced lately, which may or may not have been the cause of the light going out, but I am inclined to think that a few cents would cover the expense of repairing the glass in the clock face; instead, I find it is "papered" up at present. What an object lesson of the "hard times" prevailing in the Colonial Treasury this unsightly bit of economy must afford the usual visitor to Hongkong.

I have been wondering, since I read the following paragraph in a Melbourne paper, whether the Australians who have also read it consider the remarks of the Parisian policeman complimentary to their nation or not:—

Detective MacManamy, who was sent to England early in the year to see as to how the criminal was treated there, returned to Melbourne to-day. Detective MacManamy, who was sent to England early in the year to see as to how the criminal was treated there, returned to Melbourne to-day. Detective MacManamy, who was sent to England early in the year to see as to how the criminal was treated there, returned to Melbourne to-day.

I don't think I should feel very flattered myself if I were a native of the Commonwealth, but then there is no accounting for tastes.

I suppose it is partly due to the weather that one feels so very dumpy this week. Though with the Sham shelling his House of Parliament, the disaster to the British submarines off Lowestoft, and the tragedy at Murray barracks, the news of the week has scarcely a lively tinge. Yet I feel somehow that Fitzgerald, Tennyson's "Old Fitz," and Thackeray's well-loved college chum—was fairly near the truth when he wrote:—

For like a Child sent with a fluttering Light To feel his way along a giddy Night. Man walks the World: again and yet again The Lamp shall be by Fits of Passion slain; But shall not He who sent him from the Door, Right the Lamp once more, and yet once more?

Yes, amid the densest gloom there is ever some gleam of hope; even Heine, saddest and most despondent of men, felt that this was really so. Do you remember, dear reader, those two haunting verses of his wherein he speaks of Doubt and Faith keeping watch with himself?

We keep the watch together, Doubt and I, In stress of midnight weather, Doubt and I, Stand peering into darkness, Forbidding rock and shoal, Or shrinking in our weakness From waves that o'er us roll. We pace the deck together, Faith and I, And catch in darkest weather The far-off eastern sky. Where, robed in dazzling splendour, Shine planet, star and sun; Where, lost in truth eternal, Doubt, Faith, and I are one.

The Bishop of Victoria has been asking why so many pews are empty in St. John's Cathedral on Sundays. It is an old story both here and at Home—the men shrink church-going. Which reminds me that it was a Scot, of course, whose minister reproached him as an habitual absentee from church, and who pleaded his dislike of long sermons. "Deed, mon," said the minister, "if ye dilla mind, ye may land yersel where ye'll no be troubled wi' mony sermons, either lang or short." "Weel," was the answer, "but it mayna be for want o' ministers."

But of Sabbath-breaking north of the Tweed there is also the story of the Scot and his wheel-barrow, which has been fathered upon Sir Archibald Colquhoun, Donald was hammering away at the bottom of his garden when his wife came to the door.

"Mon," she said, "ye're making much dinna." "Whar' wait the neebours say?" "Dum the neebours," said the busy one. "I maun get me bairns mendit." "Oh, but Donald, it's vera wrang to work on the Sabbath," expostulated the good wife. "Ye ought to use awairs."

All the pearly kirk stories do not concern themselves with Sabbath-breakers. For instance I read somewhere of a deaf but pious English lady visiting a small country town in Scotland, who went to church armed with an ear trumpet. The elders had never seen one, and viewed it with suspicion and uneasiness. After a short consultation, one of them went up to the lady just before the opening of the service, and wagging his finger at her warningly, whispered, "One too, and ye're out!"

ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAPH.

Intending visitors to the Alexandra Cinematograph would do well to book their seats early, as the present bill-of-fare is drawing crowded houses. Last night money had to be turned away. The pictures are good and the dances of La Chiquita and Miss Amy very fascinating.

DEEPENING THE THAMES.

Port of London Authority Dredging Channel to Admit Largest Liners.

Already the new Port of London Authority is grappling with the difficult problem of making the Thames a deep-water river at all states of the tide, capable of being navigated by the enormous ocean liners now being constructed. A large party of London merchants, shipowners, and others interested in London shipping have been taken down the river on the General Steam Navigation Company's new paddle steamer Golden Eagle to see the operations. For nearly ten miles a new channel is being dredged to a width of 1,000 feet, with a minimum depth of 30 feet at low water spring tides, which, when completed, will put the Thames on a level with the great competing ports of the Continent.

SPORTING.

Honley Regatta.

At Honley Regatta in the Grand Challenge Cup, the Belgian crew beat Jena Club, Cambridge, by a bare length in 7 min 8 sec. The Club Nautique de Gand, Belgium, was the first foreign club to win in this event in 1906, a victory repeated in 1907. Christ Church, Oxford, won last year in 7 min 10 sec. The time given for this year's meet is the best since 1901, when Leander completed the course in 7 min. 5 sec. The best time recorded was 7 min. 4 sec. in 1899, by a London Rowing Club Eight.

Jesus College is now head of the river at Cambridge, having beaten all rival colleges in the May races.

NEWS FROM ALL SOURCES.

The salvage of the torpedo-destroyer Blackwater, which was sunk in collision off Dungeness, has been definitely abandoned. The guns and principal fittings have been recovered.

Twenty-four guineas were paid at Christie's recently for the palette used by J. M. W. Turner, at Chelsea.

Many Asot houses were let for the race week, the average price being 120 guineas, and the highest 480 guineas.

A surgical operation that is being watched by the medical world was performed at the Frances Willard Hospital, Chicago, when a section of bone from the leg of a lamb was grafted into the right leg of Docar-Townsend to replace a section of shattered tibia. Surgeons of Chicago asserted that this was the first time this operation was ever attempted in America, and that it never had been attempted more than four or five times before.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 17th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately on the S. coast of China, and fallen moderately to slightly over the Philippines.

There are indications that another depression is forming over the Pacific to the E. of Luzon.

Pressure has given away in N. China, owing to the appearance of a depression over Manchuria.

The high pressure area is still central to the South of Japan.

Light or moderate S.E. to N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, light; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: E. to N.E. winds, light to moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: S.E. to E. winds, moderate.

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COMMERCIAL.

MEASURES VARNON AND SMYTH IN THEIR REPORT ON THE 16th OF JULY.

"The market has ruled dull, and almost featureless. Rates generally speaking show but little change, but incline to weakness, and the volume of business transacted during the week is but small. Exchange on London T.T. closes at 18 1/2, and on Shanghai at 7 1/2."

Bankers—Hongkong and Shanghai have gradually declined during the week to 990, after small sales at 1,015, 1,010, 1,008, and 990, the market closing steady at 987 1/2. The Corporation of the Bankers' Association during the week is but small. Exchange on London T.T. closes at 18 1/2, and on Shanghai at 7 1/2."

Marine Insurance.—Canalons have found further buyers at 105, and North China have improved to 114 without sales. China Traders are now required for at 88. Unions remain steady at 82 1/2 without business.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong have changed hands in further small lots at 34 1/2, closing steady at that rate. Chinas continuing in demand have improved to 115 after sales at 114 and 113 1/2.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton & Macao continue quiet with buyers at 33, and sellers at 33 1/2. The Company subject to audit declares a div. of \$1.25 and carry forward and write off \$71,190. Shells have improved in sympathy with a rise on the London market to 1 1/2, but only a few shares have changed hands locally. Other stocks under this heading call for no remarks.

Refineries.—China Sugars have been placed during the week at 137, the market closing with buyers at that rate. Luzons remain at 15 with no business to report.

Mining.—Chinas Engineering have improved in the North to 184. Langkats show a decline and are now quoted at 1000. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have changed hands in unimportant lots at 67, and close steady at that rate. Kowloons have been placed at 57 and 58, closing with buyers at the former rate. Shanghai Docks after a sudden fall to 74, in the North have recovered and close with buyers at 130. Hongkong Wharves have declined to 130, which is the latest quotation from the north by wire.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Kowloon Lands have changed hands at 107 and 108 closing with sellers at the latter rate. West Point after small sales at 49, close with further sellers. Hotels continue in demand with buyers at 100 on the market and at 101, closing with buyers at 101 and 102, and new at 42, without inducing business. Humphreys have been done in small lots at 94 and are still wanted at that. Shanghai Lands have advanced to 122 with buyers.

Cotton Mills.—Ewen have ruled firm and the rate has advanced to 138. Internationals have also improved to 92. Lany King Mills to 113 and Soy Chees to 405.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneo have declined to 133, Cement to 8.90 both with sellers after sales. Electrics are required for at the enhanced rate of 30 1/2 and 30 1/2. Ropes have changed hands at 25 1/2, 25 1/2 and 25 1/2. Langkats are down to 1000 in the north, but the rate is quoted a nominal one.

LETTERS TO A "FOOL."

It will be remembered that some little time ago Rambler called attention to the advertisement which appears below. Here are some replies and comments taken from *The Daily Mirror*:

That unusual advertisement elicited unusual answers is proved by the experience of the compiler of the following, which appeared in *The Mirror* a week ago:—

"A man who is a fool, a miser, and a six-year failure at business, seeks an easy job, with short hours at high pay. Last job 24 a week; am not worth it, but as times are hard, will accept 23 a week. Equally incompetent as Builders' Manager, Property and Sanitary Surveyor, or Estate Agent. Write to-day, and advertiser will call—if not too tired.—A. B. C. D. 1118. *The Times Office, E.C.*"

"My theory," said the advertiser to *The Daily Mirror*, "is that it is useless to write an advertisement stating just what you are and what you want."

"As I wished to find a good position in or about London, I tried to find a way which would attract the notice of the public, and advertised in the terms with which you are acquainted. But Londoners appear to me to have a very poor sense of discernment."

"Out of six letters I received, only one was serious, and that was written after *The Daily Mirror*, had pointed out that I was probably far from being the fool I proclaimed myself."

"The other letters are worth reading at any rate.—The first runs:—

"Dear Sir:—In answer to your advertisement in *The Times*, I have great pleasure in offering you a situation as secretary to myself. I am by profession a dubious man, and a miser, but I am a very smart gentleman such as you appear to be. I usually pay £4 per week, but, as you remark, times are very bad, so I regret I could not give you more than £10 per week to commence."

"If you desire to accept my offer, you might kindly call upon me between the hours of two and five. Kindly do not be late, and I have an appointment with the King at six o'clock."

"Sincerely trusting you will not be too tired, believe me to be, yours faithfully, A. B. C. D. 1118."

"Then another humorist wrote:—

"Dear A. B. C. D.:—Anything to do with the tea-pot? You are evidently looking for something very much like yourself."

"I can offer you a position in my side-show at the above exhibition. The duties would consist of sitting outside the show on your knees, and with your mouth open catching flies, to prevent them from entering my patrons."

"An Utter Fool.—Dear Sir:—I am answering your advertisement of to-day's date in *The Times*, as my family and self are in a quiet country villa and desirous of being free of a 'joker' of superior ability to loaf about the house and successfully do nothing. I judge you would be eminently suitable, and if you are not too tired, I should like an interview, when such details as a salary could be arranged."

"Hoping you will reply at an early date, believe me, yours truly, A. Borneo Yoon."

"I am sorry," concluded the disappointed advertiser, "that Londoners are so slow. But I am still open to receive offers and if anyone wants an appropriate five minutes in the City of London he can apply to me."

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Barley Sheep, by Robt. Hinkins. The Bargain, by Theodora Wilson Wilson. Neath Anstral Skins, by Louis Beke. The Wooden Horse, by Hugh Walpole. Daphne, by Mrs. Humphry Ward. The Mystery of Frances Farrington, by Elizabeth Banks.

The White Sister, by E. Marion Crawford. The Disappearance of Lady Diana, by R. Mayhew. The Vicarage of Flyn, by Bart Kennedy. The Story of Hanksbury Farm, by Emma Brooke.

Friends of the Good Intent, by Halliwell Sutcliffe. The "Hill Moon", by Ford Madox Ford. Joan of the Hills, by T. B. Clapp. The End and the Beginning, by Cosmo Hamilton.

The Railway of Honour, by Miss Stepany. The Modelling of the Clay, by M. Urquhart. As It Happened, by Ashton Billiers. Envious Eliza, by E. Maria Alkanesi. The Veiled Lady, by Florence Warden.

The Mantle of Isahel, by J. S. Fletcher. St. Martin's Summer, by Ralfs Selwadi. The White Sister, by E. Marion Crawford. Noble Oblige, by M. S. Francis. Our Admirer, by M. E. Braddon. Mr. Opp, by Alice Hegan Rice. The King and Isahel, by The Author of "John Johns."

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DEATH OF A FAMOUS ASTRONOMER.

A Washington telegram to Manila papers announces that Dr. Simon Newcomb, the astronomer, is dead. Simon Newcomb was one of the most distinguished astronomers and mathematicians in the world. In the 74 years that he lived he did more for the advancement of astronomy and received more medals from scientific societies and decorations from foreign Powers than any other living astronomer. In addition, his works on political economy and psychology and philosophy in themselves gave him international repute.

Born at Wallace, N.S. in 1835, he removed to the United States at the age of eighteen and was graduated from Harvard five years later. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him at various times by Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Toronto, Heidelberg, and Cambridge. The Universities of Christiania, Oxford and Leyden also honored him with degrees.

Dr. Newcomb married a daughter of Dr. Charles A. Kresler, U.S.N., and grand-daughter of the founder of the national coast survey system. From 1877 to 1897 he was director of the national astronomical observatory in Washington. Two of his greatest achievements were his supervision of the construction of the powerful 28-inch equatorial telescope, and his compilation of the tables of the motions of the stars, the planets and the moon which are now used by all astronomers in their computations and as the basis of the navigation of the vessels of the world.

In 1895 Dr. Newcomb was made an associate of the Institute of France, being the first American since Benjamin Franklin to be so honored.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JULY 18th, 1909.

St. John's Cathedral.
SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses, Psalms, Venite, Tractus, Psalm.
Barby, Psalm, Barby, Te Deum.
Gospel in E. 4th: Jubilate, Goodson.
Antiphon: "No shadows under"
Gaul.
Holy Communion (12 noon)
Kyrie, Adagio in F; Hymns 290 and 180.
N.E. Psalm: 90, Verses 1, 2, 9, 10, 17
in union; Psalm 91, Verses 7, 14
in union; Psalm 92, Verses 1, 2, 9, 10
in union; Hymn 160, Verse 4 in
union.
Evangelion (5.45 p.m.)
Responses, Psalms, Tractus, Psalm.
Tractus: Magnificat, Goss (7th
evening); Nunc Dimittis, Haverall
(7th evening); Hymns 178 (Part 1),
231 and 31.

UNION CHURCH, KENNEDY ROAD.

Minister: Rev. C. H. Hickling.
11 a.m. - Worship. Hymns 468, 18, 461.
Liturgy 7, Anthem.
6 p.m. - Worship. Hymns 24, 444, 174, 380.
Friday 8 p.m. - Christian Endeavour Society.

St. Peter's Church, Queens Road, West.

6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Matins 11.15 morning. Psalm, Barby.
Barby, Psalm, Barby, Te Deum.
Aldrich and Croft; Holy Communion.
Kyrie, Manuscript in D.
Hymns 449, 351, 221, 355.
Evangelion 8.30 p.m.
Psalms, Ouseley and Smith; Nunc Dimittis.
Hymns 32, 343, 37, 204, Organ Recital 7 p.m.
The Church launch "Daybirds" will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 6.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 50 a.m. and 6 p.m. returning afterwards).
All the meetings are free and unaccompanied. Visitors are welcome. Books &c. provided.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Sunday Services: 10.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. R. E. Ellison.
Subjects for Sunday Evening: - Life's Ka-
leidoscope.
Tuesday 8 p.m. - Wesley Guild Meeting.
Literary Evening: - Mr. F. Fuller will read a paper on "Nelson".

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Sunday 3 p.m. P.S.A. Speaker: Capt. A. Baker, A.O.D.
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Wednesday 8 p.m. - Temperance Meeting.
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Saturday 8 p.m. - Prayer Meeting.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Morning Service at 11 a.m. by the Rev. A. D. Stewart. No Evening Service.
Services on Sundays during July/September.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of the month at noon, on 3rd Sunday at 3 a.m.
Morning Prayer: - at 11 a.m.

Peak Church.

Holy Communion - 8 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church.

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Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. The reading Room at the same address will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

German Chapel (Deutsche Kapelle) High St. 1.

Sermon Service at 11 a.m. Pastor Johannes Müller.

Roman Catholic Church, Kowloon.

As there will be two Divine Services in the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Sundays and Obligation days: First Mass at 7 a.m., Second Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Hongkong, July 17, 1909.

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Per S.S. Amoy, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 18th July.

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MAOAO.

Per S.S. Amoy, at 1.15 p.m., on Monday, the 19th July.

MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COCKATOWN, OAKINS, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PERTH, ROBERTSON, LAUNCESTON, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND & FREMANTLE.

Per S.S. Amoy, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 19th July.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

Per S.S. Amoy, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 20th July.

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Per S.S. Amoy, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 20th July.

SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOU.

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SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Packet Packet Armand Behre will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th July, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and places beyond, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Madras, the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m. Registration at 10 a.m. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.) No late fee. Letters at 11 a.m. Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this extra mail.)

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